

Literary Notes.

Volume xxviii THE HOMILETIC REVIEW opens with an able statement by Prof. George H. Schodde, of Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, of the Present Condition of the Protestant Church in Germany. Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., writes on "The Ghost Theory of the Origin of Religion," presenting an able refutation of the positions of Mr. Herbert Spencer on this subject. Mrs. Aubrey Richardson, of London, contributes an interesting paper on "The Testimony of Science to the Truth of Christianity." Prof. William C. Wilkinson sends a condensed extract from an extended poem entitled The Epic of Paul, in which he treats the subject of "The Imprecatory Psalms." Dr. William Hayes Ward writes on "Chedorlaomer and Abraham," giving new light from recent discoveries upon the relations of those historic characters. Among the sermons worthy of special mention in the Sermonic section is that of Dr. A. J. F. Behrends, of Brooklyn, on "The Doctrine of Eternal Punishment." Dr. B. F. Kidder, now traveling in the East, gives the first of a series of "Papers on Social Science and Comparative Religion." Suggestive "Lessons from Two Biographies"—those of Dean Stanley and Andrew Bonar—are drawn in the Miscellaneous Section, by the Rev. D. Sutherland, of Charlestown, P. E. I. The whole number augurs well for the new volume just begun.

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Marriages.

KRABILL—SHARPSTEENE: At the residence of the bride's mother in north Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio, Bro. H. D. Krabill and Miss Rosa L. Sharpsteene, on Sunday evening June 17th. Ceremony by,

MARTIN SHIVELY.

SEIBERT—DUSENBERRY: Married at the residence of Geo. Dusenberry, by the undersigned June 3rd 1894, Bro. George B. Seibert and Miss Belle Dusenberry, all of Beaver City, Nebraska.

J. R. Kellar.

HARRIS—KILHEFNER: James W. Harris, of Perry Tp., and Mrs. Amanda Kilhefner, of east Montgomery Tp., were happily and quietly united in marriage by Rev. Haskins at the college Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock. To these unostentatious persons, whose high character and strict integrity are well known, the Press offers hearty congratulations and wishes them much happiness. They are well and favorably known in their communities.

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—The man who is willing to serve on a committee of one, is a host in himself.—United Presbyterian.

—To fill the hour and leave no crevice for repentance or approval—that is happiness.—Emerson.

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